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COVER

You can see all of this little fellow looking around the corner when you turn to the Martinkes' article starting on page 7. Dr. Joseph R. Spies photographed this new color of cat-the Blue Tabby Longhair.

REALITY

"How can you possibly, Miss Jones, spend your time on your cats when there are so many real things to be done in the world?"

"Mr. Welsch, why should you, or anyone, worry about cats, when there's all the real trouble going on everywherethe cold war, the hydrogen bomb, all that? Don't you feel guilty about it?"

These and questions like them are asked many times of us cat lovers and are probably thought a good many times more. What is wrong with us that we'd rather take care of our cats, write and read about them, than to spend that same time on some more "practical" project?

There's only one thing wrong-the wrong question is being asked.

Let me start again. What's wrong with the rest of the world? Why are there people who'd rather think of hate and killing than of love and living? What kind

of monster is it who can believe that war is more to be thought about than peace; that we should worry about avoiding death rather than to think about enjoying life?

True, the world is not a happy place in which to dwell today-if we must plan on a nuclear war. Nor can one rest well o' nights if he fears that hundreds of millions of his fellow humans may momentarily be roasted into oblivion with him.

But, can even the strongest believer in force alone really think that his way will make the world a better place for anyone? Has it ever done so? Hasn't it always turned out after the shooting is over that we've fought the wrong war whether we are German, Japanese, Russian, or Amer-

Can Khrushchev, or any of the Russian leaders really believe that Communism will gain from a nuclear war which will devastate most of Russian territory and kill most of her people? Can our leaders think that our concept of democracy will be preserved even if we "win" such a war?

Yet all this is taken seriously-as it must be. How sad! How incontestably evident it is that man is not a reasoning animal at all, but is a creature of blind instinct, being lead to almost certain selfextinction by forces within himself that he can not control.

That is, by forces which will destroy us, unless the counter-instincts of love and cooperation are strong enough to overcome them.

That is where we must come in. Where our cat-lover's type of reality-our appreciation of the lessons of all life-is called for.

If the principles of brotherhood are to triumph-if the world is to be safe from destruction by fear and hate-it will be because we as cat lovers and others like us have let our instincts have sway and have let our principles of respect for life and love of all creatures overcome the doctrines of death and fear which now abound.

The fact of our devotion to our cats indicates our faith in the high purpose of all life. That is the overriding reality. So long as there is that faith, there is hope for all humanity.

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The Readers Always Write

EXPERIENCE

Dear Editors:

Thank you so much for the repeated warnings about red tuna. I had been using one of the brands with vitamin E added.

My youngest kitten, Rusty, has had a long siege of diarrhea and I noticed, even when he was much improved and the veterinarian dismissed him, that he cried out when I picked him up. You may have guessed. I've discontinued red tuna buying.

Mrs. L. B. McCaleb

2130 Pease St. Vernon, Tex.

WE AGREE

Dear Editors:

You have warned all your readers about red tuna several times. I felt that after the companies had enriched it that the use of it, in addition to milk and vegetables, would be safe to feed my cat. Unhappily, it has proved otherwise.

Tuna for cats is sold in every supermarket. What can be done to protect our pets? There should be some standard in the nutrition provided by the canned pet foods.

The veterinarian diagnosed my pet's ailment as a diet deficiency and the cat is still suffering. We do not know if permaanent damage has been done but he developed all the symptoms mentioned in your first warning. Despite all the additional special foods we have fed him, he is still incapacitated.

I feel much more could be said about some government control of pet foods. Can't something be done to force the companies making these products to adhere to regulated formulas?

There must be hundreds of animals suffering from improper diet. It seems criminal to allow a product to stay on the market when it is causing death and suffering to our pets.

Mrs. Marcel Duchesneau

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REBUTTAL

Dear Editors:

In a recent issue, one of your readers expressed her feelings regarding the sale of show cats. I must recommend her great generosity in sharing her home with so many strays, but I'd also like to point out what the show cats do for their less fortunate brothers.

In most cases, the breeders spend much of their time and most of their money on their cats. Their reward for all this (plus weary traveling and inconvenience) is generally either a rosette or a trophy.

However it is well worth the trouble as the money the clubs earn from the shows is given to animal welfare societies or donated toward health research for the feline. This money will either provide a home for a stray or benefit the pet owner by making protective and preventive medicine available.

We who have catteries applaud the wonderful kindness of those who care so deeply for the homeless kitten and cat, but we feel a little recognition for the effort in making the cat a respected part of the home and community is due. Special praise for the show cat who helps immeasurably in this project is deserved.

Barb Cutda

South Bend, Ind.



"AND THE DOCTOR . . .

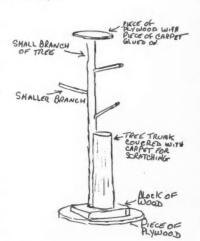
Dear Editors:

For the four days our Siamese male was in the hospital, our female went without food. Simply refused to eat.

The moment we brought him home and set his basket down, she jumped in with him to welcome him home and to listen to a sad song about his operation.

Mrs. N. Large

7011 Madison Niles 48, III.



SIAMESE LORELEI

Dear Editors:

I'm sold on CATS. For many years I kept Cocker Spaniels exclusively. Then, I went to a pet shop one day and heard my first Siamese. I looked to see what on earth was vowling and it was love at first sight and

I later took him to Japan with me and what a sensation he caused in the tiny fishing village where I staved! He was an excellent hunter and soon won the respect of the natives for the number of rats he killed. The fish-woman always found an extra fish or two for him when she stopped

I recently subscribed to your magazine and think the publishers of the dog publications could take some lessons from you. Mrs. D. D. Turner

Box 255 Forsyth, Mo.

WHAT TO DO!

Dear Editors:

Aside from professional medical advice, is there anyone who has help for coping with a neuter who has started spraying? The hormone shots have lost their effectiveness and it would seem that surgery is indicated to find the cause.

I just wondered if any experienced breeder may have a less drastic suggestion.

Georgiana Earnest

1623 Alter Rd. Detroit 15, Mich.



SHADES OF KILMER

I am enclosing a picture of the two youngsters that came to fill the void left by the death of my Persian lady of sixteen years. They had lost their mother and I had lost a cat . . . it was just that simple.

This tree my husband built for them is a source of delight and exercise. They weigh over ten pounds each and the tree is still their favorite place to play. It has a scratching post at the base and the limbs for climbing are wonderful places to hang balls and catnip mice.

The enclosed sketch will help anyone who may want to build one.

Mrs. Frederick Garner

Grand Detour Dixon, Ill.

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"She's a cat." "She walked with catlike grace." "Her green eyes were as wary as a cat's." How often have we heard or read this type of phrase and accepted the equation of women to cats? Do women like the comparison? Deep down psychologically do they feel that sometimes they are soft, gentle and purring and at other times spitting, screaming and clawing? Where and how did the pairing of women and cats begin?

Sociologists, anthropologists, psychologists and other brainy folk have given explanations for the affinity of women and cats, but they are only theories and are not worth the theses they are written in. They have tried to pour fiction and facts into their fanciful theories and drowned themselves in the overspill. The only true fact to come out of their thoughts is that they don't know the answer.

But I know the answer. I found it in East Africa folklore where the Swahili tale of "Paka", the Cat, has been handed down through time. I'll tell it to you if you will turn off the T.V. and let your mind wander into the everlasting expanse of the African

Picture the African story-teller standing the backgound of a safari camp fire with sky a colander dripping stars and the shadows of trees and hills changing shape in the flickering flames of the fire. The moon is a sauntering silver sphere across the deep purple of the night and far, far, away in the distance a hyena howls under the burdened branches of a great baobab tree.

In the changing light the whites of the eyes gleam out of the black faces of the squatting onlookers as they follow the words and pantomime of the story-teller. The audience joins in the telling of the story, pantomiming animals when they are mentioned and bringing life and humor into the words. And like all good tales, truth triumps in the end. The story? Here it is.

When time was only a gentle spring a lonely cat lived in the forest. It was afraid of the forest, and it wanted a protector against the beasts that roamed the land. One day it fell in with a hare, and the cat thought that in the hare it had found a friend and protector. It would be alone no longer, and the speed of the hare would be a warning against danger.

But the hare was killed by a wily fox. So the cat transferred its allegiance to the

The friendship with the fox was good while it lasted, but nature was fierce and the fox was killed by the leopard. And the cat and the leopard walked with each other.

The cat lived in the shadow of the leopard's speed and skill until one day a lion walked into their lives, roaring its majestic call through the jungle.

At this part the story-teller and one of the onlookers go into action to show the fight between the leopard and the lion. They snarl and roar in imitation of the battling beasts and the audience shouts encouragement. But the leopard is vanquished by the lion. And the lion's roar of victory fluttered the heart of the bush, and even the leaves of the trees trembled in fear.

With the strength of the lion by its side the cat thought its search for safety



was ended. The King of Beasts was its protector. What could challenge its kingdom?

But life held another terrible secret for the cat. Who should come crashing through the trees but the huge elephant with its battering trunk and stabbing tusks. The quietness of the night is broken as the story-teller and one of the onlookers roar and trumpet at each other as they mime the fight between the two animals. But there is only one ending. The lion is killed by one heavy blow of the elephant's trunk.

The cat sees the mountain of the elephant and is sure that nothing could bring down such an animal. They live in companionship, the cat catching field mice and the elephant tearing down greener from the trees with its trunk for food. Life for the cat is serene, gentle, safe.

But one day as the rising sun seemed to crawl over the elephant's back a creature walking on two legs came into the circle of their companionship. It was a man; a hunter with a bow and a quiverful of (Continued on page 19)



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Grant Haist

PAKA - THE CAT

by Edward G. Mackie

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

THANKSGIVING CAT

You know he's thankful just to be

Under the cold November skies The way be stands breathing the frosty air,

Motionless. Thankfulness is in his

When the door is opened to him at once on crying

To come in again to the kitchen's cozy interior.

And while he may not express appreciation

In the manner of others . . . no more inferior

Is his way of saying "thank you" for a warm bed of his own,

When he settles down quietly . then is left all alone.

And when it comes to eating the traditional bird,

With a smidgin of cranberry sauce for a treat,

The small portion he receives disappears so fast-Being thankful requires really no

great feat!

-Catherine Walker

CAT LAMP

(This ancient Chinese lamp is in the British

A Chinese potter centuries ago Was visited by thieving rats and mice That scampered here and there when all was dark

And feasted gayly on his fish and rice.

From clay the potter formed a life-sized cat,

Leaving great holes where eyes should fitly be,

Then set within a lighted lamp, quite

That in their terror rats and mice would flee.

-Eddie W. Wilson

OWL CAT

Have you ever noticed When your cat sits straight and tall, Blinking green eyes wisely, He looks just like an owl?

And have you seen this, also, An owl all fluffed up fat, With huge eyes, round and shiny, Looks exactly like a cat? -Margaret Lancaster

HOMECOMING

Love is a pair of yellow, eager eyes And welcome a throaty sound that means he's there;

Companionship's a head that rubs your ankle

And self-assurance claims the cushioned chair.

Possession takes its throne upon your

And asks no questions, finds no need to chat.

Including you in all his blissful dreams-

Yet people ask: "Why do you keep a cat?"

-Helen de Huarte

MEEEEE - OW!

She spends the morning in the sun, the P.M. in the shade.

Whenever the mood strikes her, she

goes for a promenade. And as for the ideal life—she's really got it made!

My self-relying, uncomplying, me-defying cat!

She has no use for finances, for silver or for gold.

The thought of working overtime for 'extras" leaves her cold.

She doesn't seem to worry what she'll do when she gets old-

My self-admiring, unaspiring, non-retiring cat!

She's cozy by a roaring fire she didn't have to make,

She plays in the big pile of leaves that I have got to rake.

She plays around and plays around all day, for heaven's sake!

My slipper-chewing, work poohpoohing, mess bestrewing cat!

The grocery bill? She doesn't give a hang when it will fall due.

I call her, but she doesn't come unless she's really ready to.

Oh! how I wish that I could live a life as sweet as that

Infuriating, aggravating, ever-lovin -Lilyn E. Carlton

THE CHARM

The cat, untrammeled by your love, Seldom deigns to seek your lap Until she knows you wear the glove And coat of fur-magnetic nap. -Mary McCarthy

ALL GOOD THINGS

(Cat sits, tail-encircled, before refrigerator which ho'ds his food.)

She will come soon to open the door of this white food house. I am hungry, but I can be patient, having dined on mousement at midnight.

I will sing to myself at I wait, songs of creamy milk and golden cheese,

and the happy food house will sing with me.

When first I heard it humming, I was so frightened

my nine lives contracted, and for three

I moved, hugging the floor, skirting as widely

as possible the strange box with the threatening

sound in its throat. But now I know it was only purring, having in common with me

motor-music and a capacity for food . . . Meow!

(Footsteps approach, and accelerated purring replaces articulate thought.)

-Bonnie May Malody

TO AN AGING CAT

You roam the heights tonight . . . the roof is creaking.

I hear you settle in the papery leaves That pillow your aging bones. Though wind is speaking,

You curl there warm beneath the cornered eaves.

I helped you up there once when roof was rafter-

When you were kitten-small and pansy-faced;

Your claws dug deep in panic! Soon my laughter

Chuckled to see how skillfully you raced.

Now suns and snows have curled the shingles' green-

Yet, Cat, you climb soft-footed and still agile

Although your ginger fur has cooled its sheen

And you limp a little now . . . But oh, how fragile

Those rose-prick claws, those tumbling puff-ball days

Before you climbed the heights to wiser ways!

-Maude Rubin



Photos: Dr. J. R. Spies

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Jane
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ONCE IN A BLUE TABBY MOON

Only once in a blue moon do we get to experience the thrill of that rarest of events in the Cat Fancy, the recognition of a new color for championship competition. Up until the very recent past there have been several new breeds of cats recognized and new colors in the Siamese breed, but only one new color in Persians has been adopted, the old-fashioned and well-beloved Calico. Yet during this century we have lost three colors. At one time there were separate classes for Oranges and Reds and Orange Tabbies and Red Tabbies, but as more and more people showed their preference for the deeper color these colors were merged into one class. One color was lost entirely, the Masked Silver which, in a perfect specimen, was possibly the most strikingly beautiful color of the Silver division. Recently several of the national associations have recognized the man-made Cameo colors under one name or another, but only now has a great national association pioneered by accepting nature's own wonderful creation, the Blue Tabby, in both Longhairs and Shorthairs.

The Blue Tabby is a true Tabby, wholly distinct, and not to be confused with any other color. It will never be necessary for any judge to hesitate when judging one, wondering in which class it really belongs, as we have seen so often with the Reds and Red Tabbies or the Chinchillas and the Shaded Silvers. While the Silver Tabbies and the Brown Tabbies are like a full symphony with their rich strong backgrounds and bold black striping, the Blue Tabbies might be likened to a Chopin nocturne in their delicacy and delight. The standard adopted for them describes them literally and clearly, but cannot possibly convey the sense of their charm, their shimmering ashes of roses patina over the basic colors or the wonderful harmony of their color pattern. The standard is as follows: "Ground color including lips and

chin pale bluish ivory with warm fawn overtones, fawn more noticeable on upper part of face. Markings very deep blue affording good contrast with ground color. Pattern of markings as described for brown tabbies. Lips and chin slightly lighter in kittens and young adults. Nose leather rose. Eyes copper or deep orange, copper preferred."

This is not a new color. One of the writers had a perfectly marked Blue Tabby Domestic Shorthair in early childhood and at that time remembers her mother's remark that she especially liked that particular color, then unknown to her by name, because those cats always seemed to have rounder, shorter and more beautiful faces and their bodies were short and thick, a rather remarkable observation from someone who at that time had never heard of a standard for cats. Throughout the years most breeders doing intensive work with Brown Tabbies have experienced the phenomenon of the appearance of Blue Tabbies in the Brown Tabby litters when the pedigrees seemed to offer no reason for this. Such kittens have always been notable for having a much more intensive copper eye color than their Brown Tabby siblings.

It is now almost a certainty that the Blue Tabbies which appear in this way are true spontaneous dilutions of the basic Brown Tabby and bear the same relationship to it that Blue Point Siamese does to Seal Point. Thus they are a true color which can in time be established as strongly in their own right as the Blue Point Siamese have already been. It will, unfortunately, take longer to accomplish this since there are so comparatively few breeders working with the Brown Tabbies from which they come, while the Siamese breeders are legion. Certain bloodlines seem to carry a stronger gene for this dilution than others, so that when these lines are combined or there is inbreeding or linebreeding in them, a much greater propor-

tion of Blue Tabbies will result. Minqua's Shackamaxon pictured here is an interesting case in point. Both his parents are Brown Tabbies, the sire a strong show winner and the dam a full sister of two grand champion Brown Tabbies. Three of the grandparents are Brown Tabby, the fourth Black. Of the first thirty cats on the pedigree 17 are Brown Tabbies, 8 Blacks and 5 Blues. Only Brown Tabbies were anticipated in the litter from this mating, the first of this particular combination, yet in the litter there were one spectacularly marked Brown Tabby and four equally wellmarked Blue Tabbies.

Now that it is established that Blue Tabby is a true color created by nature, let us turn to another interesting facet of it. It may also be created artificially by man by crossing Brown Tabby and Blue. It has always been known that the introduction of black into Brown Tabby bloodlines for one generation will help to clarify and deepen the markings which may have been showing a tendency to become muddy, indistinct and ticked. In recent years many of the best Brown Tabby breeders have been crossing their Brown Tabbies very carefully with Blues to improve the type of the Brownies with as little loss of intensity of markings as possible. There has been one great hindrance to their doing this as much as would be desirable to serve the best interests of the Brown Tabbies. All ethical breeders hesitate to allow their cats to produce kittens for whom it may be difficult to find homes, and these crosses resulted in a great many Blue Tabbies, not always very well marked in the first generation of the cross. Of course a true scientific researcher would be ruthless and, in pursuit of the ultimate end of producing a perfect Brown Tabby, destroy the unwanted colors in the litters but, thanks, be, cat breeders have never become so enthusiastic in their scientific zeal at to forget that they are, first and foremost, cat lovers, and this solution is unthinkable to them. The writers have solved their own particular problem by selling these kittens without pedigree or registration to homes where they will be altered for well-loved housepets. Even this has not made it possible to experiment as freely as we would have liked, since there is a saturation point in any area for good homes for pet kittens, however beautiful, who are not suitable for breeding or showing.

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"Tips to the Novice" by Blanche W. Smith

IN PREPARING LAST MONTH'S ARTICLE on new breeds of cats, I looked back over some of the old magazines and books in CATS Magazine's library, and I found this browsing so interesting that I thought I'd like to bring you from time to time some of the information about the history of the various breeds, to show what's been happening to them over the years.

Just how the Longhair breed originated, no one seems to be sure, but the earliest representation of a Longhair cat of which I have any knowledge is that which accompanied Mabel Irene Huggins' article on the Chinese Cat in the April 1961 CATS. This painting, made in China in the 1400's, shows a White and a particolor cat-not strikingly different in type from the average Longhair of only a few decades ago. So it's evident that our Longhair as we know it has been kept as a pet for a good many centuries. It's questionable if the long coat would survive many generations of living under natural outdoor conditions for that would tend to tangle and matt the coat to the point where it would prove detrimental to the cat.

Before we skip all the way to the early American Longhairs, let's take a glance at some of the Persian listings in the catalog of the National Cat Show held at the Crystal Palace in London, England 1872:

Long-Haired Pure White He-Cats Long-Haired Black He-Cats Long-Haired Tabby He-Cats Long-Haired Unusual Colour He-Cats

Listings for the "She-Cats" were the same except for one Long-Haired Red Tabby She-Cat. Such colors as the Blues, Creams, Solid Reds, Tortoiseshells, and Silvers must have been unknown in those days, or were considered "unusual colours."



Now we can come to the America of the early 1900's, represented by the photo directly above. This picture is taken from Frances Simpson's famous *Book of the Cat* published in England in 1903. It was printed in the American section of the book, and is of a White named Ajax,

SOME EARLY PERSIAN CATS

owned by Mr. W. J. Stevens of Massachusetts.

By this time, most of the colors we know were being recognized. Blues and Creams of passable type even for today are pictured in this great book; Smokes, Silvers, Torties, and Tortie-and-Whites are discussed; Brown Tabbies have a chapter of their own, as do Oranges (our Reds); and there is even mention of a "Sable" Longhair—apparently an early appearance of the Brown Longhair which I discussed last month as a desirable new color.

One new pattern which must have been developed after this time, since it is not mentioned in the *Book of the Cat*, is the Masked Silver. It was popular for a time but seems to have passed out of existence in the late thirties or early forties. That it was a strikingly beautiful cat is shown



by this picture taken from the *Cat Review* of May 1911. The caption reads: Curioso, Masked Silver Kitten owned by Mrs. D. Sturtevant, Cambridge, Mass.

Going back to the *Cat Journal* volume of 1906, I was pleasantly surprised to see some cats which while not Best-in-Show material as far as today's shows go, would at least not be as completely out of place as would Ajax, for example. One of these is on the cover of the March *Journal*—



Regal Bacchus, Blue male owned by Joshua Cowplant, Jr., of Ward, Pa. But only a few months further one, in October, comes



a cover cat which it is hard to believe was ever considered typical. It is apparently a Shaded Silver—Mohican Chief, by Ch. Argent Splendour ex Argent Sylvia, but it has none of the good characteristics which we associate with the Longhair today.

Compare him with our next Silver which earned the cover of the Cat Courier only seventeen years later, February 1923. He



is Winter Starlight of Pequossette, bred and owned by Mrs. Marion F. Hobbs, of Cochitnate, Mass. He was Best Cat at Lynn, Boston, and Chelsea during the 1922-23 season, and would certainly rate very strong consideration at our current shows, despite the lapse of time.

So for these past forty years, at least, I have the impression that the big gain has been in the improvement of the average cat. Even in the early 1900's, I find some pictures which would be acceptable today—but most of them are of rangy-bodied, big-eared, and long-nosed cats with in many cases only the length of fur marking the difference between a Longhair and a Shorthair.

Thus, it's easy to see how much we owe to the breeders of the past years who had the courage to establish standards far above the level of the breed at that time, and who then unselfishly let their own lines die out in order to develop those which showed more promise.

But perhaps even more is asked of us today, since almost all strains now have (Continued on page 20) Psychosomatic allergies in men have been the source of many curious stories, but few people know that cats are also subject to these puzzling ailments. Let me tell you about Duke.

Duke was the most elegant alley cat I have ever seen. He was a perfectly marked Tabby with enough trace of Persian to give him an enormous plume of a tail which he carried proudly, and with a pair of the most engaging topaz eyes that ever glowed in the dark. He walked with a debonair swagger which became him perfectly, back-fence Don Juan that he was, and he had the incomparable dignity of a prince incognito.

He appeared at our back stoop one morning, obviously hungry, but wary, and parttook of the snack placed out for him only after carefully ascertaining that we had no ulterior motive in our kindness. After his meal he vanished, not to be seen again until the next morning, when his hunger once more drove him to the place obviously under consideration for his new home. After a few days of intermittent eating and retreating he cautiously ventured into our kitchen. He sniffed about the house and at the end of a week spent the night in my husband's bedroom, choosing his spot carefully in a corner and at a safe distance. Within ten days he had moved in.

Meanwhile, our other cat, Livingston, was furious. Consumed with jealousy and fearing that his position was to be usurped, he growled and pouted and complained. Duke ignored him. We were enchanted with Duke, a name by the way which came to our minds immediately, but were disturbed because Livingston was disturbed, and forthwith undertook to seek a proper home for Duke where he would be fed, loved, and cared for, but where he would not be an intruder as he was in Livingston's domain.

We placed an ad in the paper, we telephoned our cat-loving friends and regaled them with accounts of the beautiful cat for whom we were seeking a home. We even discussed the ultimate possibility of the humane shelter, but grim knowledge of the almost certain fate of a full-grown tom cat was unthinkable and we discarded that idea hastily.

Then Duke stayed out all night and in a few days the evidence of his nocturnal skirmish became apparent in the form of an abscess on his tail. Thus occurred his first encounter with the veterinarian. And an encounter it was! Duke's display of fear and displeasure was as vigorous and ardent as only a tom cat, alley bred, can show them. But the doctor won out. A shot of penicillin in exchange for a fivedollar bill did the trick, and in a few days Duke's tail was as beautiful as ever. Another night on the prowl shortly after he developed an ear infection which required another visit to the doctor and another \$5.00.

We were looking more and more askance at Duke, beautiful though he was. We talked it over again. Livingston was pout-

ing and Duke was beginning to pick on him. Duke played rough, and Livingston, reared in the gentility of a quiet home was unaccustomed to such indelicate ways. Their ideas of fun didn't coincide at all and not infrequently we found tufts of tabby fur and of Livingson's jet black coat decorating the scene of a recent battle.

We decided definitely that Duke had to go. Our better judgement told us that he had already cost us \$10.00, besides the unbelievable amount of food he consumed, that he was impolite and ill bred and was making Livingston unhappy. We redoubled our efforts to find a home for him.

In the very act of making telephone calls for him, I would hold Duke on my lap and stroke his thick coat. In doing so, I discovered he had developed a rash on his back. Covering his spine from his head to his tail were angry red welts. We again visited the veterinarian who prescribed an ointment. This I applied diligently for a week, but there was no change. The rash continued,, in fact seemed to worsen. The cost sheet on Duke was now \$15.00 plus room and board. We were certainly viewing him with mixed emotions. There was no denying that he was a magnificent and interesting animal, but he was proving an expensive and irksome one, and after all, how silly can even the most avid cat lover be?

Our final effort was in the form of posting a notice on the bulletin board of one of the large companies in our town. Duke sat in his favorite corner scrutinizing me with his enormous topaz eyes as I wrote out the notice and arranged for it to be posted. That night for the first time he jumped on my lap of his own accord, turned on his motor, and licked my hand. I thought of the notice with dismay, but subsequent sight of the unhappy Livingston made me steel myself to what I believed to be the only possible solution to our problem. As I rallied my waning determination, Duke turned to look at me, jumped off my lap and went to lie in a corner, contemplating me silently.

The inevitable occurred the next day. We got a taker for Duke. The woman's voice sounded kind and she assured me of her devotion to all cats and to male Tabbies in particular. I listened to her offer and to my own utter astonishment heard myself say, "Thank you very much for calling. If you will leave your telephone number we will let you know."

She actually begged me to let her have Duke. I'm sure she sensed what was happening even before I did. I remained adamant. I would let her know.

When my husband arrived home that night I broke the news. Someone wanted Duke! He lit a cigarette, grinned sheepishly and said, "You aren't going to let her have him, are you?" And in a peculiar way he has of answering his own questions, he said, "Of course not!" He went to the back door, called Duke, who came running at once, and gave him an unusually generous serving of kidney.

That night Duke slept on my husband's bed, and within two days the skin rash had completely disappeared.

We were utterly baffled. I consulted my favorite cat book, (How to Live With a Cat, Margaret Cooper Gay) in which it was related that on occasion pets developed a keen sense of insecurity which manifested itself psychosomatically in a skin rash and that this was most likely to occur in cases where one pet felt itself less loved than another. We still didn't really believe it. After all we had been kind to Duke, and he certainly couldn't have known that we were attempting to get rid of him. I thought of the veterinarian and finally permitted myself to telephone him. He listened sympathetically and corroborated

DUKE

by Florence Deppe Holmgren

everything the cat book had said. It was unusual, he said, but not unheard of, and under the circumstances it seemed unquestionable that Duke's rash had been the manifestation of a psychosomatic condition.

Duke took one more trip to the doctor. We decided that for his sake, and for that of Livingston, who was a neutered male, he had better be neutered also. Shortly after that we moved, taking the two cats with us. Somehow during that ghastly day when their whole world was torn from around them and about them. the two cats apparently decided they had better forget their differences. Henceforward they were the best of friends. We delighted in watching them curled around each other as they slept while intermittenly Livingston would wake up and wash Duke as Duke gazed ecstatically into space. Duke adoration was quite touching.

It all ended quite cruelly one night when Duke followed Livingston across a nearby road in search of field mice. Duke was probably watching Livingston, because he didn't see the car. Our only solace was that the car didn't mutilate him. Even in death he lay in elegant dignity. We buried him under a rose bush which bore blossoms the color of his eyes and when I wrote my father to tell him the sad news, be sent us a tiny bit of marble for a grave marker on which he had inscribed:

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I keep my cat indoors, but go out with him for daily walks. Now with winter coming on will it be safe to take him out? Can cold weather give him a cold, and can people give a cat a cold if they are around him?

When animals get cold outside they will show that they want to get back into the house. They keep moving, and this usually keeps them warm enough to avoid the danger of chilling. The respiratory infection we call a cold is apparently of no trouble

to cats.

My six-month-old spayed Persian has always gnawed on my fingers. Her teeth are now very sharp, and I am afraid she will bite someone badly as she springs for hands, arms, and feet. She is a very playful, healthy, and lovable kitten, but I don't want her to hurt anyone. Is there any reason she does this, and can I break her of the habit.

She does it primarily because she gets some satisfaction in chewing or gnawing such a responsive treat. As she has been indulged in this until it is a well-established and acceptable practice on her part, it will take some time and perseverance

to break ber of it.

My Siamese (five months old) has a slight hunched back. It has been that way since he first started to walk. My veterinarian has checked for worms but has never found any, nor any other reason for this condition. He says it is just a habit the cat has formed. He runs, plays, and shows signs of being happy and healthy. Do you have any ideas on this?

Some cats will have a more pronounced arching of the back than others, and it appears to have no ill effects on them. There may be some spinal problem that is the cause of it, but the

situation is not one to cause alarm.

Do detergents contain anything harmful to cats. May I use them to bathe my cat?

Detergents have been used on some cats with great success. They do a good job of really cleaning the skin and fur. However, they can cause pretty severe skin irritations on some cats. As a rule, I suggest the use of a mild soap to wash cats, and then a very careful rinse to be certain all of it is off the skin.

Lately I have noticed a yellowish scum-like substance on my two-year-old Siamese's teeth. Is this due to a diet deficiency,

and is it anything to worry about?

The material may be the result of food and saliva's accumulating on the teeth. It can be removed by wiping or brushing the teeth. If it is tartar, this can only be removed by having it chipped or scraped off with dental instruments.

Is it possible for a neutered male to retain all the characteristics of the whole tomcat? My four-year-old (neutered when two) still fights with the neighborhood toms and never stays home when allowed out. He is fed twice a day and isn't far, sleeps indoors at night, and is in excellent health. He simply will not be confined continuously, however.

Some males will behave as you describe after they have been castrated. Hormone treatment will usually correct the situation

if that is what you wish.

Is there any special diet recommended for cats with kidney trouble?

Before answering this I would like to point out that difficulty in urinating or frequent urinating does not always indicate kidney disease. Many times kidney disease can be present and not obvious to the owner until some other apparently disassociated problem develops—whereupon an accurate diagnosis may reveal kidney disease. For some of these problems a high protein diet is recommended. Several commercial preparations are available through veterinarians to cope with these problems.



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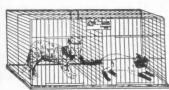


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Mr. Thompson style, as you may have

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A quick summing up-quote Caesar-"Veni, Vidi, Vici."

KITTEN ON THE KEYS, by Ron Spillman and Jack Ramsay. Words by Paul Dehn. Doubleday & Company, New York 22, New York. \$2.95.

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vestigate all manner of things and find themselves photographed at every turn. Seems almost disrespectful to refer to these two as just the "striped kittens" but even



sans names, they will keep haunting you after closing the book.

Paul Dehn's verse is vastly superior to the usual captioning found under such pictures. The parody on Thomas Brown's 'A garden is a lovesome thing . . ." takes it well out of the prosaic. "God wot."

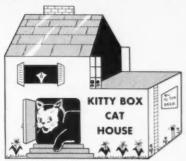




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Felix is offering a Christmas stocking this year as well as his old standbys of the Katnip Tree and the Mousie House. And his catalog lists forty more things for cats! The Guerry D Company, Bel-Hil Products, and Tyoh all specialize in cat carriers. They differ in design, but all are of fine serviceable construction, and are of unimaginable usefulness to anyone who owns a cat. Dorothy Becker is advertising only her exquisite Siamese Swiss hankies this year, but write for her other items, too. Satra has moved to Elkhorn, Wisconsin, but she still crowds her ad with just the type of items most of us are looking for, even if we need our magnifying glasses to read about them.

Standard Arts' beautiful matted pictures in full color will please cat lovers of all breeds, while Alice Bohn's catnip specialties will bring real pleasure to all the cats you know.

Dr. Daniels is also offering catnip treats for cats, including a special Christmas stocking, and Marguerite Chapman will provide the proper notes, Christmas cards, and stickers for every "F" purpose.

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For feline fun, the S. K. Company's Playmate which was so popular last year is now again available, and added to the line are new playthings which will bring more fun and frolic to

all the feline household.

Lowe's new 1962 edition of their famous Chandoha cat calendar is just as attractive as ever, and Ideas Unlimited offer their calendar for 1962 in Siamese design on a practical linen towel. Ideas also has lovely little ceramic Persians, and a ceramic kitty bank, plus lots of other goodies they'd like to tell you about in thei: catalog.

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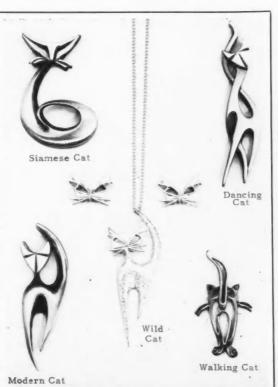
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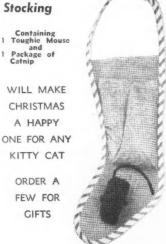
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LOST LOVES

Dear Editors:

During the past eleven years I have enjoyed feeding, caring for and loving at least twenty cats. They have all passed on now. The last one, blind since birth, went to sleep only a few days ago. I miss her the most, I believe, probably because of her handicap. Only God knows the lonely hours and years she graciously and patiently endured. I had her for eight years.

I would like to hear from anyone else who has cared for such a pet.

Miss J. L. Slack

2717 So. Lyon Ave. Indianapolis 21, Ind.

HEAR. HEAR!

Dear Editors:

Biddy had been on the road a little over twenty-four hours and yet he arrived completely unruffled and anxious to meet his new family. Had I chosen this kitten myself, I could not have done a better job than did the breeder who selected him for

It took me several months to decide to

write to out-of-state catteries whose ads appear in your magazine. It took several more to actually buy, sight unseen, a mailorder cat. My experience has been so rewarding I would like to share it with other readers who are hesitating or debating about such a transaction.

First, I read over all the ads and then I wrote to all the breeders of the kind of



cat I wanted. I felt some would be out of the particular sex or color in which I was interested. Out of fifteen breeders, six had what I wanted. They all answered and listed what they were able to offer. It's a good idea for, for example, I have since purchased three other cats.

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Barbara C. Welch

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HOME MADE HELP

Dear Editors:

My problem isn't quite serious enough to rate a veterinarian's attention, but perhaps some other cat owner can tell me what to do.

I have three cats . . . two of them can drink milk with impunity but the third one (who loves it best) can't seem to tolerate it. She steals it from the other two and then suffers from dysentery.

I hate depriving the other two and simply haven't the heart to give it to them and not to her.

Is there anything I could put in the milk or give her immediately after drinking it to prevent this condition?

Miss Negus

1212 Naldo Ave. Jacksonville, Fla.





ME AND MY SHADOW

Dear Editors

Simon enjoys the sunshine as much as I enjoy CATS Magazine. Several months ago you carried several letters about the half-Siamese hybrids. I'd like to add my neutered male to the pictured collection.

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poisoned arrows. The cat looked at the great size of the elephant and the puny smallness of the man and was not afraid.

Under the spread of the trees the man fitted an arrow to his bow. He pulled back the arrow and there was a sharp "twang' as he let go and then the "swocoosh" of an arrow. The great elephant fell to the ground and the quick poison stilled the beating of its heart. As the elephant fell the trees shook, the earth trembled and animals scurried away as the mighty beast died. And the audience sighs at the downfall of such magnificence.

The cat decided to follow this thing on two legs who had brought down the huge elephant. But by this time it had learned caution; it is not quite sure of the man, so it trailed him to a grass hut in a forest clearing.

The man went into the hut, boasting of his skill as a hunter. The cat jumped up to the root of the hut and sat under the grass eaves. It waited, watching and think-

Suddenly there was a great noise, and the hunter ran from the hut shouting 'aaaaiiiiyyyyooooo'' in terror. The cat looked to see what had made the hunter so afraid.

It was a woman. She was the hunter's wife and she was berating him for his boastful talk about killing an elephant. With an uplifted "mwiko", a large spoon for stirring maize porridge, she chased him

back into the forest. This is the scene where the African audience goes to town, laughing and shouting as they roll on the ground at he unfortunate man being scolded by his wife.

The cat licked itself, smoothed its wiskers and waited until the woman returned to the hut. It knew it had found the ultimate. When the woman started to stir the maize porridge again the cat jumped down from the eaves and walked into the hut to sit beside the fire. The woman dropped some porridge from the "mwiko" by its side and as it licked it up it knew it need look no longer for protection. And the woman stroked its fur and talked to it in a soft, triendly voice. The warmth of the woman's companionship enveloped it and it started to purr. It was then that the self-satisfied look of the cat was born. It had found the mightiest creature of them all, the constant companion to love and protect it, a woman.

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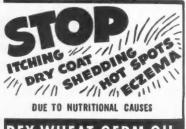


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the genes to produce quality cats occasionally if enough kittens are produced. Is it possible to hope that the day will come when we will get only show stock from our queens and when pet and breeding stock will no longer be a problem?

That can and should be our hope-but to accomplish it, we must continue to keep alive in the Fancy the same courageous, unselfish attitude that has always marked the true improver of the breed. We must continually bring the better cats from all over the country into our own bloodlines. We must neuter and spay those kittens which do not measure up, and we must even take a second look at the policy of selling non-show stock of good pedigree as 'breeders." Only by a strict policy of breeding best to best can we hope to continue to improve the Longhairs to the same extent that our predecessors did.

It will require work, study, and clear thinking, but it will be done. Just compare the 1903 and 1906 pictures here with those in any recent issue of CATS, and you'll clearly see the tremendous improvements which have been made by previous generations of breeders. Then resolve to do all you can as a responsible cat fancier to carry the Longhair breed yet another great step forward.

BLUE TABS

Undoubtedly this problem has held back the improvement of Brown Tabbies for many years. Few cats other than Blues have ever had a specific role to play in the improvement of another color, but Blue Tabbies are the exception. A few hardy souls among the Brownie breeders have kept some of the better Blue Tabbies, even though they were AOC (any other color), because they well knew that some of the best and most perfectly marked Brown Tabbies are produced from these Blue Tabbies. Even this, though, has presented its own problems, for less knowledgeable breeders have not wanted to buy cats for showing and breeding who carried AOC's on their pedigrees. In some instances, fortunately rare, breeders have resorted to the expedient of registering such cats as Brown Tabbies to avoid this criticism, as they have been known to do with mackerel striped Brownies also, but we are happy to say we know of no Brown Tabby breeders who are doing this now and the recognition of the new color will forever remove the temptation. The second problem has been one of space since no breeder, however, dedicated to his quest for improvement of his chosen color, can keep unlimited quantities of cats and he will naturally prefer to work with ones which he can have the pleasure of showing.

So here over the years we have had a color which is one of our most exquisite, one of nature's own darlings since she insists on sending them to us even against the well-laid plans of the breeders themselves, and one which can be created by careful interbreeding of colors, yet it has been completely ignored and the great proportion of cat fanciers have never even seen one. Now, thanks to the farsightedness and progressive spirit of a great national organization, they are to have a place in the sun where they will not only give joy in themselves, but also serve as the most effective means for improving a color we already have which has been sadly neglected for many years. If the reactions of the people who have seen specimens of this color for the first time recently are typical, we would not hesitate



to predict that eventually blue tabbies will be one of our most popular colors.

One word of caution must be added. Blue Tabbies are not a blue cat with darker blue markings, tickings or shadings. Such cats as these are simply flawed Blues which should never be mistaken for Blue Tabbies whose basic ground color is a blued old ivory. This is particulary evident on the underside where the ground color may be seen in larger areas. The true Blue Tabby must have the face markings that lend such piquancy to all Tabby faces. The rings around their eyes and the chin and lip area are a very pale cool ivory. Any cat whose face or underside is blue may automatically be eliminated as a show cat, for it cannot possibly be a Blue Tabby. But the old Chinese philosopher has said that one picture is worth a thousand words, so let Shackamaxon's pictures point the way to what he and his breeders hope will eventually prove to be among the largest classes in the shows.

The writers cannot possibly hope to express adequately their gratitude to Dr. Joseph R. Spies for his patience and good humor while photographing this boy or to his lovely wife who stood by so patiently and lovally.

BACK FENCE

SPCA sponsored a contest to find the oldest living cat in the state. An award was planned and just as soon as we find out the results of this search, we'll give names and details. One of the releases we received last-lined . . . DO NOT SEND CAT. You don't really suppose that anyone?

On the other hand . . . people aren't always very bright. The Salt Lake City Deseret News printed a sort of tongue in the cheek item. A group of picnickers in the Storm Mountain area reported that they



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had encountered an animal that looked like a panther. This report brought others in verifying a creature of fierce appearance. One story, however, was amended to include the fact that a very small dog had chased this ferocious animal up a

Before the tales grew much grimmer, the ranger of Storm Mountain, Paul Murdock, explained that this "wild cat" was only Jasper. Jasper, a big old tom cat who has had the tips of his ears frozen off and does appear mean. Mr. Murdock said Jasper is a friendly begger who has survived life in the picnic area for some years. A handout here, a bit of wildlife there and occassionaly someone who will take the time to be friends . . . that's been lasper's life.

One of the forest crew plans to take the cat home for the winter. Can this mountain cat find happiness in the big city? Or will he miss the potato salad and pickles he learned to love? Read the Salt Lake City Deseret News and learn what will happen to Jasper, the Storm Mountain Panther.

Now, we give you a crime story—a real "untouchable" . . . "NO, NOT PEA-NUTBUTTER!" Orville St. Germain, alone on the graveyard shift in a large, San Bernardino warehouse, had for the fourth night found his lunch rifled and his meat sandwich missing. Thinking to outwit the light-fingered wretch . . . Orville stealthily returned to the bench upon which he had placed his lunch before starting on his rounds. A noise from behind a nearby file cabinet suggested that he had the thief in bounds. Cautiously he trained his flashlight in back of the cabinet. There stood a cat, the sandwich still held firmly in its mouth.

"Blimey, Gov'ner, this bloke kept temptin' me . . . and I was hungry.'

That may explain why a cat will steal, but what frustrations will cause a cat to imbibe in alcoholic beverages? The New York World Telegram has an item regarding an experiment designed to test a theory that alcoholism results from frustrations.

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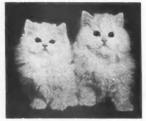


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4. 5—Albuquerque, N. M.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—New Mexico Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Betty O'Brien); LH & SH (Gladys Weirich).

4. 5—Seattle, Wash.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Seattle Cat Club, Inc. (ACA). AB, LH, SH (tba).

4. 5—Allentown, Pa.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Le-Hi Valley Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Julia Hunter; LH (Jean Kunkel); SH (Dorothy Brooks).

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SH (Dorothy Brooks).

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5—Montreal, Canada—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Montreal Cat Fanciers Assn. (ACA). AB (Betty Youngman); LH (Richard Screenson); SH (Winifred Steele); HHP (Frances Diors).

10-11—New York, N. Y.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Eva Thorne); LH (Doris Hobbs Wilkinson); SH (C. G. Milne).

11-12—Soctsdale, Ariz.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOWS—COMBINED SHOWS—Arizona Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Bert Tebbetts); LH & SH (Conrad Barr). ANCC (ACFA). All Breed (Irene Powell).

11-12—Madison, Wisc.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—COMBINED SHOWS. Madison Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Ree Rathburn); LH & SH (Pat Krebs). ANCC (ACFA). AB (Marion Tracy); LH & SH (Lila Rippy).

11-12—Toledo, Ohio—ALL-AMERICAN SHOWS—COMBINED SHOWS—Maumee Valley Cat Club (UCF). AB (Ann Bieneman); LH/SH (Hiram Hildebrant). Seawy Catscapades (UCF). AB (Gertrude Hamaker); LH/SH (Margaret Lovett).

11-12—Scaramento, Calif.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Scaramento Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Genevieve O'Neill); LH (Doris Springer); SH (Veva Ebert).

11-12—St. Louis, Mo.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Greater St. Louis Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham); LH & SH (Misser). Arnu Beck).

11-12—Cranston, R. I.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—All Breed Cat Club of the Northeast (CFA). All Breed (Louise Sample); LH & SH (Blanche W. Smith).

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18-19—San Diego, Calif.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—San Diego Cat
Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Elsie Flaherty); LH (Gladys
18-18—Atlanta, Ga.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Cotton States Cat
Club (CFA). All Breed (Matil Rotter); LH & SH (Beth
O'Donovan).
18-19—Albany, N. Y.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Albany Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms); LH/SH (Robert
Martin).

-Albany, N. Y.—ALL-AMERICAN

clers (CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms); LH/SIR (NOWNMartin).

-Costa Mesa, California—ALL AMERICAN SHOWS—COMBINED SHOWS—intra-Valley Cat Club (UCF) AB (Carl
Darnell); LH & SH (Ann Manley), and Twin Counties Cat
Club (UCF) AB (C. H. Krebs); LH & SH (Leigh Manley).

-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Frontier Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Matil Rotter); LH

& SH (Doris Springer).

-Conshohocken, Pa.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—William Penn
Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Charles Victor); LH & SH
(Frances Herms).

-Honolulu, Hawaii—S0th State Cat Fanciers (UCF). AB, LH, SH

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(tba).

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2- 3—Seattle, Wash.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOWS—COMBINED SHOWS—Seattle Cat Club (ACA). 2 All Breed Shows (La-Vona Wright and Everett Paul); LH & SH Specialties (Lucy Clingan); LH&SH Specialties (Ruth Lentz).

2- 3—Dallas, Icasas—North Icasa Cat Club (ACFA). Combined Shows. Judges tba.

2-3—Louisville, Ky.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOWS—COMBINED SHOWS. Blue Grass All Breed Cat Club (NCFA) All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH & SH (Liz Kollmorgen Bailey). National Cat Club (NCFA). AB (Luis Passalaqua-Christian); LH/SH (Lydia Dzbanski).

2- 3—Fort Wayne, Ind.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Naomi Favors); LH & SH (Lillian Limpert).

2- 3—Columbia, So. Carolina.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—The Palmetto Cat Club (Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt); LH & SH (Robert Martin).

2- 3—Tucson, Ariz.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Tucson Cat Club (ACA). AB (Polly Jones); LH/SH (Virginia Sweem)

2- 3—Napa, Calif.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Tucson Cat Club (ACA). AB (Polly Jones); LH/SH (Virginia Sweem)

3- Napa, Calif.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—COMBINED SHOWS. Contra Costa Cat Fanciers (ACA) and Sierra Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breeds (Mrs. T. A. Dobyns & Louise Travasso); LH's (Ruth Fisher & Emma Grand); SH's (Ruth Fisher & Maxine Arps).

9-10—Long Beach, Calif.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—West Shore Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Matil Rotter); LH & SH (Pat Joneston).

3- Arno Beck).

9-10—Detroit, Mich.—ALL AMERICAN SHOW—Detroit Persian Society (CFA), All Breed (H.B. Ziesses); LH & SH (Mrs. Arno Beck).

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Miami, Fla.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOWS—Southernmost Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt) LH & SH (Lillian LL) (CFA).

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-Milwaukee, Wisc.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Milwaukee Cat
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6-7—Hayward, Calif.—ALL AMERICAN SHOWS—COMBINED SHOWS—Golden Gate Cat Club (UCF). AB (Phyllis Whitney); LH (Wayne Park). California Cat Club Inc. (UCF). AB (Irene Powell). Northwestern Siamese Breeders (UCF). LH (Wayne Park).
13-14—Burbank, Calif.—San Fernando Valley Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Charles Victor); LH (Barbara St. George); SH (Mrs. R. L. Ebert).

(Charles Victor); Lil (Barpara St. George); St. (Mrs. & Ebert).

13-14—Tampa, Fla.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mary K. Carroll); LH & SH (Laura Graham).

13-14—Kansas City, Mo.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW— Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). All (Lillian Limpert); LH (Jean McPhee); SH (Cecil Novaic).

20-21—Phoenix, Ariz.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Lucy Clingan); LH & SH (Mrs. T. A. Dobyns).

20-21—Houston, Tex.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Julia Hunter); LH/SH (Doris Springer).

20-21—Columbus, Ohio—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Ohio State Porsian Club (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt). LH (Mrs. J. H. Revington); FSH (Louise Sample); DSH (Louise Sample).

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3-Edison, N. J.-Triangle Cat Club of N. J. (ACA). AB; LH; SH

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3- 4—Rockford, Ill.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOWS— COMBINED SHOWS—Rock Valley Cat Club (ACFA). AB (Phyllis Whitney); LH & SH (Conrad Barr). ANCC (ACFA). AB (Lila Rippy); LH & SH (Howard Krebs).

3- 4—Memphis, Tenn.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOWS—COMBINED SHOWS—Memphis Cat Fanciers (ACFA). AB (Bert Tebbetts); LH/SH (Helen Arthur). ANCC (ACFA). AB (Whitney D. Abt.); LH/SH (Pat Krebs).

3- 4—New York, N. Y.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Empire Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Robert Martin); SH (Louise Sample); LH (Kate D. Carroll).

3- 4—New York, N. Y.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Sunshine City Cat Club of Florida (ACA). All Breed, (Florence Leopold); LH/SH (Louise Fiedler).

3- 4—Denver, Colo.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Mile-Hi Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Pat Johnston); LH/SH Specialties (E. Anderson).

10-11—Dallas, Texas—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Dallas Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Louise Sample); LH & SH (tba).

10-11—Independence, Mo.— COMBINED SHOWS. Kansas City Midlewst. All Breed Cat Club, (ACFA).

11-18—St. Petersburg, Fla.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—COMBINED SHOWS—Suncoast Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Carl Darnell); LH/SH (Gladys DeFleron). ANCC (AFCA). AB (Lila Rippy); LH/SH (David Deans-Henderson). (Judges School—Ree Rathburn—Feb. 16).

11-18—Miami, Fla.—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—Cal Coast Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (CAFA). All Breed (Marguerite Mabie); LH/SH (Pegg Day).

March
3- 4—Monroe, Michigan—ALL-AMERICAN SHOW—COMBINED SHOWS—Monroe Cat Fanciers (NCFA) and National Cat Club (NCFA), All Breed, LH and SH Specialties (tba).
3- 4- Roseburg, Ore.—Feline Fanciers of Oregon (ACFA), All Breed (Don Yoder & Phyllis Whitney); LH &SH (James Kilborn).
10-Bordentown, N. J.—Delaware Valley Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Ruth Lents); LH (Richard Orman); SH (Dana Learn).
18—California—Siamese Cat Society (UCF). Siamese (tba); All Breed Shorthair (tba).

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7. 8—Detroit, Mich.—COMBINED SHOWS—Motor City Cat Club
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Unfortunately, the kitten population explosion is happening in the family of the stray cat. It is downright heartbreaking to learn the number of kittens that are born . . . only to die in unhappy circumstances. November . . . a wonderful time to find charity, as well as thanks, in your heart.

Along with the many, many things in our lives for which to sing hosanna, we can find much in the cat world too. Such a fanfare of publicity the feline is receiving. Just leafed through a copy of one of the big homemaker magazines (on company time, too) and it is gratifying to see how well the cat blends in with lush decor. A well appointed house just isn't a home without a cat, it seems.

In news pictures of the famous, you will often find a pet cat. There are even times when the news is primarily of the cat with humans used only as props. The Pittsburgh Press had a full page story in one of its Sunday magazine sections about Rhubarb. This made for almost fantastic statistics. For example: Rhubarb makes \$15,000 a year; has earned close to a quarter of a million dollars; been in five hundred movies and television shows; is now in Paris and on an expense account! Better than this, you can not do.

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